

SOCIETY

Miss Matty L. Cooke, president of Hollins College; Miss Mary Williamson, Miss Sneed, Miss Louisa Rath and Miss Cooke were among the delegation from Hollins College in Richmond to attend the professional conference of women, held here last week. A number of informal functions were given in honor of the distinguished visitors from Richmond to attend this conference.

Visiting Here.
Mrs. Bernard Brady, of Staten Island, N. Y., and her niece, Miss Martha Roach, of New York, are guests of Mrs. Cogan and her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Brady, at their apartment in Monroe Terrace this week. Mrs. Brady and Miss Roach are en route for the North, after a visit to Florida. They spent a short time in Richmond earlier this month on their way South.

Graceland Engagements.
John Wilson Stephenson, of Warin Springs, announces the engagement of his daughter, Margaret Reale, to Henry Cox Berrian, of New York, the wedding to take place in June. Miss Stephenson is widely related in Virginia, and a frequent visitor in Richmond, where she has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Russell Cecil. She is the sister of Jack Stephenson, Mrs. George Wise and Mrs. John W. C. Jones, of Newport News, and her marriage will be an interesting event of the early summer season.

Miss Ella Binford. Miss Ella Binford asks that all of the debutantes of the season who will meet her promptly at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at her studio, corner of Madison and Grace Streets, to plan an opening figure for the ball to be given Saturday. Several of the Binford's pupils will give exhibition dances at the ball, and the event will be a most interesting one. Some of the most prominent women in Richmond have been asked to act as patronesses for the affair. All interested are invited to attend. The ball is to be a mid-Lenten dance, and a number of distinguished guests from a distance will be present. The ball is given by the Binford's, of the Virginia Coast Artillery, which have recently been organized.

At the Woman's Club.
An attractive affair of the week will be the social given by Miss William Haynes, president of the Woman's Club at the Woman's Club this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Basil M. Gwathmey is chairman of the afternoon and afternoon teas will include Mrs. O. McCabe, Mrs. William R. Triggs, Mrs. Blair Stringfellow, Mrs. Richard Carrington, Mrs. Edmund Waddell, Jr., Mrs. Samuel Travers, Mrs. E. H. Carter, Mrs. A. Saunders, Jr., Mrs. Churchill Young, Mrs. Stuart R. Jones, Mrs. Caldwell Hardy, Mrs. John G. Dunce.

On Wednesday afternoon a large audience will fill the auditorium of the Woman's Club to hear Captain Wilkie of the Royal British Artillery, speak. Captain Wilkie is one of the foreign officers who are acting as instructors at Camp Lee.

IN AND OUT OF TOWN.

Mrs. M. L. McGee, of Greenwood, is in the city. Mrs. Thomas Cary, at Monroe Terrace.

Miss Nickett Johnson has been the guest of friends at Old Point Comfort for several days.

Miss Frances Hay attended the mid-winter games given at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Barry Nelson Carter has returned to the University of Virginia after attending the Carter-Blair wedding here on Thursday.

Miss Susan Carter, who spent a short time in Richmond this week, has returned to Hannah Moore School.

Judge George Shackelford, of Orange, spent a short time in Richmond last week.

Miss Eugenia Fairfax has returned to Richmond after a visit to Colonel and Mrs. Fairfax Ayres at Fortress Monroe.

Mrs. and Mrs. Harry B. Vesey, of Norfolk, returned to their home after spending a few days with Mrs. Laura Hills Tartar, of Jefferson Park.

George L. Browning has returned to his home in Orange after a short stay in this city.

Mrs. Lillian Hayward, of New York, is in the city.

His afternoon, is the guest of Mrs. R. G. Thornton, 1515 Monument Avenue, while in the city.

WOMEN'S MEETINGS.
The members of St. Cecilia Circle of St. Patrick's Church will meet with Mrs. C. Metzger, 2715 East Broad Street, this evening at 8:15 o'clock.

The regular monthly meeting of the National League for Women's Service will be held this morning at 11 o'clock at the home of the chairman, 9 West Franklin Street.

There will be an important meeting of the Valentine-Ruffner Mothers' Club today, at 3:30 o'clock.

The Dorothea Payne Madison Chapter, N. S. S. D. Daughters of 1812, will meet in the Jefferson Hotel this morning at 11:30 o'clock.

INDIANA HARD TO BEAT

State makes unusual records in enlistment and military loans and in Indiana has set a record in war work that is difficult to equal. Here are some figures compiled by the State Council of Defense:

Number of volunteers for regular army, 25,148; sent forward, quota in April call, 5,400.

Number of volunteers for the navy, 4,516 up to February 5; call for 800 apprentices seamen. More than 4,000 have enlisted to date.

Volunteers for the marine corps to date, 271.

Present enlisted strength National Guard, 10,417. April 1, 1917, the strength of the National Guard was 7,100; gain from beginning of war to August call, 3,317. Three regiments of State militia also have been organized and 10,000 National Guardsmen are in the ranks.

Subscriptions to the first two Liberty loans—first loan, \$47,000,000, against a quota of \$32,000,000; second loan, \$72,000,000, subscribed.

Red Cross contributions, \$2,097,306, as compared with a quota of \$1,000,000.

Red Cross membership drive obtained 736,354 new memberships, or 26.5 per cent of the population of the State.

The Toonerville Trolley That Meets All the Trains (Fox)

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THE SKIPPER'S LUMBAGO WAS SO BAD LAST WEEK THAT HIS WIFE HAD TO RUN THE CAR FOR HIM.

MILITARY IS OPERATING ON FRENCH WEST FRONT

Weekly War Review Indicates Increasingly Important Activity by the American Forces—No Major Undertakings Recorded.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 24.—Increasingly important activity by the American forces on the western front and the return for rest at a leave station of the men who have completed their first period of duty in the trenches are noted in this week's review of military operations by the War Department.

In the news of the renewed German offensive against the Russians, the most important developments of the week, the department finds no cause for surprise, but adds nothing to information carried in press dispatches.

The review was written before the announcement came from London that the Bolsheviks had accepted Germany's peace terms. "Hitherto, little opposition has been offered to the advancing Germans," the department says, "and it is not as yet clear what preparations the Russians are making to meet the enemy."

According to the disorganization of the Russian forces, it is difficult to prefigure what effective opposition they may be able to place in the path of the invaders.

Of the western front, the review says: "While no major undertakings were recorded in the week, yet the entire front was the scene of hard-driven assaults of a minor character."

AMERICAN FORCES ARE TAKING IMPORTANT PART.
"Our own forces are taking an increasingly important part in the operations. Last week we recorded the participation of our artillery in the very successful thrust made by the French in the region of the Butte-du-Mesnil. This week the presence of our infantry in a very important area of the Chemin-de-Dames is reported."

Here our patrols have been outside our barbed wire, and have undertaken a number of scouting expeditions in "no man's land" which were successfully carried through.

"At the time our detachments were coming up into the trenches, they were under heavy hostile fire. Nevertheless, our men made their way to their positions without confusion or casualties."

It is well to note that our forces now in action in this one of the most active sectors of the entire French front.

MOBILIZE HOSPITAL UNIT.
Army Officer Arrives at Charlottesville to Send Men to Camp Sevier.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., February 24.—An army officer, Adjutant Jackson, arrived here today to mobilize the hospital unit of the Division of Virginia. He is in charge of the mobilization of this unit, which will be sent to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., to report to the commanding general for assignment to temporary duty. There they will receive medical instruction in the duties they are to perform when the hospital is assembled as a whole and sent overseas. Neither the staff personnel nor the nurses are included in the order to mobilize. Members of the staff have already undergone intensive training at army posts and in hospitals, and for the most part are really in active service. Many of the nurses, too, are being trained at different points, so as to be ready to accompany the unit.

The personnel of the Virginia unit consists of 100 nurses, 150 men clerks, orderlies, assistants, drivers, mechanics, machinists, cooks, carpenters, etc., twenty-four doctors, a quartermaster, a commandant and a chaplain. Rev. Beverly D. Tucker, rector of St. Paul's Church, at the University of Virginia, thirty of the nurses are already in active service at various camps and all the doctors are receiving special training, treating wounds of all kinds, practicing in gas chambers and applying the scientific Carrel method. Many of these have had military experience in officers' training camps.

Major Lomax Gwathmey is taking a neurological course in Philadelphia. Major Charles S. Venable is at the base hospital at Camp Travis, Texas; Captain C. A. Woodward at the base hospital at Camp Greene, Charlotte; Captain Herbert Old, E. Howe, Miller, John D. Thomas and John B. Steiner and Lieutenants Joseph S. Hume, Minor C. Lile and Leroy Hyde are at Camps Green, Lee and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Lieutenant Claude C. Taylor is at Johns Hopkins; Lieutenant Dan H. Witt is in gas defense work in Washington State; Lieutenants Lucius G. Gage and Edward B. Brooks are at Camp Gordon, Atlanta; and Captain R. J. Hayes at Camp Riley, Kansas.

Equipment of the university unit of the value of \$75,000 has already been stored at an Atlantic port waiting orders to be shipped to France.

ATTENDANCE AT "SING" SMASHES ALL RECORDS

State Senator Aubrey Strode, in Singsong War Address, Thrills Thousands in City Auditorium.

SAYS AMERICA MUST WIN
Must Not Let Challenge to Nation's Peace, Based on Blood-Bought Heritage of Forefathers, Go Unavenged.

Musical numbers of unusual merit continue to feature the Sunday "sing" yesterday, as usual, every seat in the City Auditorium was taken. Following an invocation by Rev. Edward N. Calisch, D. D., Dr. J. A. Chandler, of the city schools, introduced Dr. Calisch, who spoke for five minutes on the war savings and thrift stamps campaign. Dr. Chandler then introduced Aubrey E. Strode, State Senator from Amherst and Nelson Counties.

"Mr. chairman and my fellow-countrymen," began Mr. Strode, "the generation to which you and I belong has paid no part of the price of that liberty in which we have all enjoyed."

"The blood-bought heritage which came to us as freedom to live under a government which we shared, based upon the concept of Virginia-bred George Mason, that all power is vested in and consequently derived from the people, reflected in the great declaration by Thomas Jefferson and carried always, as now, in our bill of rights as the ark of the covenant under which alone democratic government may continue."

"That flag had become the emblem of hope to which the oppressed people of every clime lifted their eyes in prayerful aspiration, that what it stood for might come to pass."

"What is it, then, that in so brief a time has turned this beautiful peaceful and still God-fearing country into an armed camp? Has called the flag of our fathers and the banner of the free flower of our manhood from the pursuits of peace to the horrors of the weapons of destruction, while all who value the best there is in life—freedom to live, to love and to serve—must drop all else to unite with every sacrifice in the common cause that seeks to save and to make secure for humanity, for our children and for our country, the blessings of liberty and peaceful living?"

"What is the hateful thing that has brought this threat to all that has held dear the sacred stripes of the Great Seal and the symbols of our freedom, that has brought this peril to the life of our country?"

"This is the first of a series of rest centers it is proposed to establish, where our men can find rest and recreation after the trying ordeal of trench life."

ASK HIGHER RATES
Mallory and Clyde Lines Petition for Freight Increase on North-bound Cotton.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 24.—Increases ranging up to 50 per cent in some cases in rates on cotton from South Atlantic and all ports to New York and Boston were asked of the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the Mallory and Clyde Steamship Companies.

The increases, even if granted, probably would not affect the present extensive movement of cotton by water from the South to North Atlantic ports, since this will be completed by the time the commission acts.

The Mallory Line proposed an increase in rates to \$4.12 cents per 100 pounds on compressed upland cotton and cotton linters in lots of 100 bales or more from Mobile to New York.

The Clyde Line asked an increase from 20 to 25 cents per 100 pounds in upland cotton from Georgetown, S. C., and Wilmington, N. C., to New York, on Sea Island cotton from Charleston, Jacksonville, and Brunswick. The Clyde Line asked 10 cents per 100 pounds to New York and 15 cents to Boston.

MEMBERS OF HOWITZERS PLAN GREAT REUNION
Survivors of Famous Old Organization to Meet in Annapolis To-Morrow Night to Discuss Former Days.

Survivors of members of the famous battery, known as the Richmond Howitzers, which rendered such gallant service for the South during the War Between the States, will hold a reunion to-morrow night, in the Howitzer Armory, Eight and Leigh Streets, beginning at 9 o'clock. This special meeting has been called by order of Captain John A. Hutcheson, president of the Richmond Howitzer Association.

According to reports made by officers of the association, there are about forty survivors of the organization which once boasted a membership of 1,200. Owing to the number of years which have elapsed since the last meeting, during which time changes of address have been made, it was found impossible to notify all of the members. However, as many addresses as possible have been obtained, and letters have been sent notifying members of the meeting.

In his letter, Captain Hutcheson reiterated reasons why the battery should not forget its distinguished war record, and stated that it was the desire of the association to call a reunion to revive old friendships and live over former days which they had spent together in the army. An old-time Howitzer "smoke" has been planned, and talks will be made by several of the members.

RATE HEARING POSTPONED
Interstate Commerce Commission Sets No Date to Listen to Complaint of Live-Stock Shippers.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, February 24.—The hearing on the complaint of the National Live Stock Shippers' Protective League against the failure of railroads to maintain through rates on live stock to the Southeast, originally assigned for hearing March 6 at New Orleans before Examiner Disque, was postponed to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission to an indefinite future date.

ALL JOKE RED CROS.
SHELL LAKE, WIS., February 24.—This little town is a hot center of Red Cross membership, as each one of its 1,000 inhabitants, men, women and children, has taken a membership.

RED CROSS CLASSES ARE BEING RAPIDLY FORMED

First Aid to Injured, Home Care of Sick and Other Subjects to Be Taught.

MRS. GRABOWSKII RESIGNS
Succeeded as Chairman of the Knitting Department of the Local Red Cross Chapter by Miss Martha Webb Purcell.

Wide-spread interest is being taken in the organization of Red Cross classes in first aid to the injured, hygiene, home care of the sick and other subjects according to a statement issued yesterday at Red Cross headquarters, Fourth and Grace Streets. Anticipation of a possible shortage of doctors and nurses led the educational committee of the local chapter to urge the formation of classes in all parts of the city for instruction on health topics.

Mrs. Herbert S. Dalton is now completing the organization of a class in first aid to the injured, composed of women and girls who are members of the Monument Methodist Church. This will be the first church class that has been formed. It will meet for the first time in the near future on a day and at an hour convenient to the members. Already twenty have enrolled for this class, which will have a maximum membership of twenty-five. Prospective members can communicate with Mrs. Dalton by telephone at Madison 2777.

WEST END GIRLS LEAD IN COMMUNITY INTEREST.
West End women and girls lead in community interest in the Red Cross classes. Under the direction of Mrs. Eugene Peters, 1520 Floyd Avenue, a first-aid class is being organized to meet one afternoon or night each week in the Binford Junior High School, Dr. H. C. Rucker, who has instructed many successful classes in the city, will be in charge. Information regarding this class can be obtained by telephoning Mrs. Peters at Boulevard 3207-W.

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 o'clock a first-aid class meets in the William Fox School, Mrs. Cadwallader Smith, 525 Shepard Street, is chairman of the class, which is taught by Dr. Rucker. There are still a few vacancies in this class, and those wishing to join should apply to Mrs. Smith, whose telephone is Boulevard 1851-J. The educational committee has received the hearty co-operation of the principal, teachers and members of the Parent-Teachers' Association at William Fox School. At the first meeting of the class the principal stationed boys at the doors to direct the members to the classroom.

MISS PURCELL HEADS KNITTING DEPARTMENT.
The new chairman of the knitting department of the Red Cross is Miss Martha Webb Purcell, who takes the place of Mrs. B. B. Grabowskii, who resigned. It was announced yesterday, Mrs. T. Croton Gordon has been named as vice-chairman. In order to supply the demands for knitted goods now on the list, the knitting department is organizing all Richmond Red Cross knitters to continue to co-operate. Knitters are being asked to call for sock wool, a new shipment of which has been received, in order that 350 pairs of socks promised the McGuire hospital unit can be furnished at once. The department also is asking assistance in the completion of an order for helmets for the base hospital unit and ambulance company.

Chairmen in charge of the distribution of wool at the Red Cross work-rooms each day are as follows: Monday, Mrs. George B. Williams and Mrs. R. Whitte; Tuesday, Mrs. Lawrence T. Price; Wednesday, Mrs. George J. Freedy and Mrs. J. A. C. Hoggan; Thursday, Mrs. H. E. Lincomb and Mrs. E. Williams; Friday, Mrs. Pryor Davis; Saturday, Mrs. H. W. Bassett.

AMERICAN GUNS ANSWER GERMAN ARTILLERY FIRE
Enemy Has New Type of Bomb, Resembling a Baseball, Which Does No Damage.

(By Associated Press.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Saturday, February 23.—In the American sector northwest of Toul today the Germans tried the tactics of concentrating artillery fire on one of the American positions, apparently with the purpose of obliterating it. The American guns immediately punished the German battery with a doubly heavy retaliatory fire and then swept the enemy lines with vicious barrage, undoubtedly inflicting considerable damage. The German guns promptly ceased fire. Whether they were silenced or stopped firing for other reasons is unknown, but since that time hardly a shot has been fired from that point.

Last night a German patrol was found once more within the American wire. It was driven back by machine-gun and rifle fire. American patrols worked freely, without interference. The Germans to-day dropped into the American trenches an entirely new type of bomb, resembling a baseball. No damage was done.

Along the front generally there was less firing, owing to low visibility. The Germans continued to shell their targets in the towns behind the lines, adding one town which hitherto has not been shelled.

WEDS MOTHER-IN-LAW
But Even This Failed to Keep New York Man Out of National Army.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Duncan Robertson, who is his own father-in-law and his own son-in-law, as well as the father of his dead wife, is going to be a Camp Upton soldier recruit. Duncan is not pleased.

Every one has heard of men who expressed a preference for war service rather than reside with their mother-in-law. But who ever heard of a man who elected to live with his mother-in-law, not further to actually marry her, rather than court glory—and death—in the trenches? There is an answer to the question. It is former Senator George B. Agnew, member of the district appeal board, who reported to the board after investigating Duncan's case of exemption claim.

Duncan married Rene Farrieria in 1913. Two years later she died. Since then he has lived with his mother-in-law. On June 4 last he registered for the draft. Later he sought a deferred classification, claiming a dependent wife. And who should his new dependent wife be but his mother-in-law? They were married July 14, Mrs. Farrieria-Robertson joined in Duncan's plea, alleging dependency and saying she had heart disease.

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